Engineer. ing Company (REEC) during the ye- ars *1987-88 and 1988-89;*

1987-88 *Value (Rs. lakhs)*

1. Shutdown maintenance of sulphuric acid plant 14.56
2. Miscelloneous small maintenance work (27 items) 3.90
3. Disposal of Scrap* 18.35**

1988-89

1. Shutdown maintenance of Sulphuric acid plant (including supply, farication fl and installation of upper portion of chimney) 21.07
2. Miscellaneous small maintenance works (21 items) 1.59
3. Disposal of Scrap 14.81**
4. Dismantling and disposal of aniline fluidised 0.75**

No contracts were awarded to REEC during the year 1989-90.

*(Value payable by REEC to HOC).

(c) and (d) Govt's view is that the company should not have business relations with an organisation of their own employees and should not award them such contracts. M/s. HOC have already discontinued awarding such contracts to REEC since April, 1989 and do not propose to have such commercial relations with REEC in future.

LegisLlation on Family Planning

349. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India propose to introduce a legislation giving effect to 'one family one child' norm;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the States are lagging behind in achieving family planning targets; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Family Welfare Programme in India is being promoted on a voluntary basis as a people's movement in keeping with the democratic raditons of the country. The programme seeks to promote responsible parenthood, with a two-child norm-male, female or both — through independent choice of the family planning method best suited to the acceptor. In line with this policy, there is no proposal to introduce a legislation giving effect to the one family one child norm.

(b) and (c) Statements giving statewise target fixed and achievements made in different methods of contraceptions during the last three years *i.e.* 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 are annexed (*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 24). It will be seen that performance of a number of States under these methods has fallen short of the targets. Some of the important factors inhibiting progress of family welfare programme in States are listed below:

(i) In agricultural and traditional societies, children, especially made children, are perceived to be a source of income generation for the family and are, therefore, viewed, in terms of their economic values.

(ii) There is a strong preference for male children which is linked

to religious beliefs and old age security.

(iii) Low female literacy rate.

(iv) The Low age at a marriage of females.

(v) High prevelent infant mortality rate.

(vi) Low plan outlays on the family welfare programme on account of competing claims of various sectors on resources. The share of outlay for this programme ranges between 1-1 to 1-8 per cent of the public sector outlays.

Delay in receipt of DESU Bill by the Consumers of Aram Bagh, New Delhi

350. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DESU has not sent bills to the consumers of Block No 170, Aram Bagh, Government Colony, New Delhi last ten months or more; and

(b) what setps Government propose to take to ensure that regular bills are sent to the consumers by DESU in order to avoid difficulties being faced by the consumers in paying the bill amount in lump sum?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

DPEA dues against M/s Glindia and Marind

351. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) one what basis dues against Glindia and Merind under Drugs Prices Equalisation Account were assessed;

(b) what is the amount assessed in each case and for what period and whether such amount is in respect of bulk drugs or formulations or both;

(c) whether it is a fact that details of bulk drugs consumed and packs of medicines based on drugs in question have been collected before assessing the amount due; and

(d) if so, what was the consumption and production of each bulk drug and each formulation pack involved from 1979-80 to 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) *Government have not so far taken* any decision on the amounts tentatively assessed by the Special Team for deposit into the Drugs Prices Equalisation Account by M/s. Merind. The findings of the Special Team are being looked into afresh. In respect of M/s. Glindia, a tentative amount of Rs. 37 crores has been assessed for recovery from the Company.

(c) and (d) The details asked for would become available only after final assessment of the liability of the two companies to pay into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account is made.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान कोयला खानों के विकास और विस्तार की योजनाएं

352. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान कोयला खानों के विकास और विस्तार की योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इस समय देश में विभिन्न जिम्मों में हो रहे कोयले के उत्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है और आठवीं योजना के लिए क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है?